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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about February 1, 1956, they held 2,210.5 million bushels of wheat for export and carryover, about 4 per cent greater than the 2,125.1 million available a year ago. Supplies by countries, including on-farm stocks, in millions of bushels (with last year's figures in brackets) were: United States, 1,190.1 (1,148.5); Canada, 718.1 (616.7); Australia, 203.4 (170.5); and Argentina, 98.9 (189.4).

Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from the four major export countries for the months from August, 1955 to January, 1956, inclusive were 344.3 million bushels, 8 per cent below the 372.9 million exported in the same period for 1954-55. Canadian exports decreased from 134.9 to 115.7. Exports from other countries, in millions of bushels were: United States, a decrease from 126.2 to 122.6; Argentina, a decrease from 66.4 to 63.5; and Australia, a decrease from 45.4 to 42.5.

LIVE STOCK:

Canadian exports of live stock to the United States from January 1 to March 17 (1955 figures in brackets) were: slaughter cattle, 128 (794); feeder cattle, nil (1,717); dairy and purebred cattle, 8,753 (6,823); and sheep, 417 (731).

Imports of live stock to March 17 were 4,727 cattle, 118 calves and 281 sheep.

Dressed meat exports to all countries were: beef, 2,186,550 lbs. up 29 per cent from last year; pork, 9,603,325 lbs., a decrease of 10 per cent, and mutton and lamb, 11,131 lbs. compared with 6,067 lbs. in the same period last year.

DAIRYING:

In the month of February, 1956, butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 1,568,027 lbs. compared to 1,536,444 lbs. for February, 1955, an increase of 2 per cent.

POULTRY:

The average number of laying hens on farms in Alberta for February, 1956, was estimated at 3,690,000 compared to 3,824,000 for February, 1955. Production per hen for the month increased from 12.8 in 1955, to 14.3 in 1956. Total egg production on farms increased from 4,054,000 dozen to 4,356,000 dozen for February in 1955 and 1956 respectively.

FARM DELIVERIES AND INCOME FROM GRAIN IN ALBERTA

BASED ON COUNTRY ELEVATOR RECEIPTS AND PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Deliveries and Loadings:					- thousands of bushels -					
Month of February	5,540	7,582	503	471	2,171	2,444	142	354	64	67
January - February	13,619	14,339	1,124	868	5,214	5,188	337	578	118	195
Estimated Returns per Bushel for Grain Delivered in February	1.06	1.09	0.47	0.49	- dollars per bushel- 0.71	0.71	0.91	0.90	2.70	3.66
Estimated Total Cash Returns:					- thousands of dollars -					
Month of February	5,872	8,264	236	231	1,541	1,735	129	319	173	275
January - February	14,436	15,630	528	425	3,702	3,684	307	509	317	723
Canadian Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:										
Month of February	-	6,346*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January - February	-	6,346	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts from Grain:										
Month of February	5,872	14,610	236	231	1,541	1,735	129	319	173	275
January - February	14,436	21,976	528	425	3,702	3,684	307	509	317	723

		1955	1956
Total Income from Grain including Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:	Month of February	$ 7,951,000	$ 17,170,000
	January - February	$ 19,290,000	$ 27,317,000

* Interim payments on higher grades of wheat delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board in the 1954-1955 crop year were announced on February 15.

L I V E S T O C K P R I C E S I N A L B E R T A

FEBRUARY, 1956, AND TWO MONTHS ENDING F E B R U A R Y 29, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

	GOOD BUTCHER STEERS		GOOD FEEDER STEERS		GOOD BUTCHER LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (without Bonus)	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Month of February:	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Calgary	17.67	16.31	16.44	14.50	17.97	17.78	21.59	19.85
Edmonton	17.71	15.88	15.52	13.28	19.35	18.36	22.11	20.19
Lethbridge	18.19	16.29	16.51	14.83	18.12	17.23	21.41	19.48
January - February:								
Calgary	18.17	16.58	16.42	14.38	17.93	15.56	22.06	19.13
Edmonton	18.12	15.92	15.16	13.18	19.04	17.88	22.64	19.60
Lethbridge	18.68	16.74	16.04	14.84	17.85	17.23	22.03	18.83

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio*

1933-53	1955	Jan.1955	Jan.1956	Feb.1956
21.5	19.5	17.9	18.0	18.8

* Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lb. of Grade B_1 live hogs at Edmonton prices, plus federal government quality premium.

Live Stock Price Relationships*

	1933-53	1955	Jan.1955	Jan.1956	Feb.1956
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	104.1	103.6	108.1	101.5
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	90.2	107.7	104.7	117.9	117.4
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	97.1	98.9	91.7	86.5

* Prices of 100 lb. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETING IN ALBERTA

FEBRUARY, 1956, AND A TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING F E B R U A R Y 29, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
				- number of head -				
Receipts of Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:								
Month of February	37,802	44,313	5,452	5,055	16,072	15,563	133,732	120,715
January - February	88,705	95,754	13,012	12,989	36,123	37,757	292,750	269,969
Shipments to Country Points from Yards & Plants:								
Month of February	3,558	4,176	589	275	361	378	-	-
January - February	7,604	9,858	1,278	1,028	674	1,079	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:								
Month of February	34,244	40,137	4,863	4,780	15,711	15,185	133,732	120,715
January - February	81,101	85,896	11,734	11,961	35,449	36,678	292,750	269,969
Slaughterings at Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of February	1,614	2,015	630	765	166	103	1,413	2,664
January - February	4,010	4,316	1,396	1,565	311	262	3,783	5,706
Total Net Live Stock Marketings:								
Month of February	35,858	42,152	5,493	5,545	15,877	15,288	135,145	123,379
January - February	85,111	90,212	13,130	13,526	35,760	36,940	296,533	275,675
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed:				- dollars -				
Month of February	$ 4,938,000	5,305,000	319,000	263,000	284,000	253,000	4,641,000	3,766,000
January - February	$ 11,542,000	11,077,000	765,000	634,000	644,000	614,000	10,451,000	8,182,000

Estimated Total Income from the Sale of Live Stock:	1955	1956
Month of February	$ 10,182,000	$ 9,587,000
January - February	$ 23,402,000	$ 20,507,000

FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY PRODUCTS (JANUARY) AND POULTRY PRODUCTS (FEBRUARY AND JANUARY-FEBRUARY) FOR ALBERTA 1955 and 1956

DAIRY PRODUCTS:	FARM SALES			FARM CASH INCOME		
	1955	JANUARY	1956	1955	JANUARY	1956
	- thousands of pounds -			- thousands of dollars -		
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	1,199		1,210	758		739
Dairy Butter	3.6		3.6	2		2
Milk for Cheese Making	1,320		1,243	32		30
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and for Fluid Cream Sales*	9,272		9,417	269		275
Milk for Fluid Sales	17,822		19,034	825		876
TOTAL VALUE				$ 1,886		1,922

* Ice cream and fluid cream converted to milk basis.

POULTRY PRODUCTS:	FEBRUARY		JANUARY-FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		JANUARY-FEBRUARY	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
	- dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations*	1,485,800	1,364,600	3,082,800	2,925,100	409,000	399,700	853,500	884,800
	- pounds -							
Poultry Marketed through Registered Stations**	128,700	209,800	349,700	501,200	34,400	61,200	91,000	152,200
TOTAL VALUE EGGS AND POULTRY					$ 443,400	460,900	944,500	1,037,000

* In 1953 and 1954, 56.1 and 47.0 per cent respectively of Alberta eggs sold by producers were marketed through registered grading stations.

** In 1953 and 1954, 35.4 and 35.0 per cent respectively of the poultry meat marketed were sold through registered stations.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING F E B R U A R Y 29, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

			1955 (Jan. - Feb.)	1956 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (February)	1956 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Flour Mills (7 Firms	- Gross Sales	$.	4,074,414	3,573,889	-12.3	1,594,723	2,026,990	27.1
	Production	Centals	932,193	911,487	- 2.2	480,582	463,534	- 3.5
		Value $.	4,356,756	4,203,842	- 3.5	2,239,718	2,084,553	- 6.9
Creamery Butter (1)	- Production	Lbs.	2,825,905	2,942,185	4.1	1,364,230	1,466,658	7.5
		Value $.	1,709,672	1,721,178	.7	825,359	857,995	4.0
Factory Cheese (1)	- Production	Lbs.	236,730	232,093	- 2.0	116,391	118,960	2.2
		Value $.	76,937	75,430	- 2.0	37,827	38,662	2.2
Dairy Factories	- Gross Sales	$.	4,488,708	4,802,896	7.0	2,159,650	2,383,252	10.4
Packing Plants	- Gross Sales	$.	19,983,675	20,568,233	2.9	9,882,052	11,049,449	11.8
	Production	Meat Lbs.	61,808,106	63,156,757	2.2	29,763,641	32,813,308	10.2
		Value $.	15,363,423	13,916,532	- 9.4	7,373,329	7,342,802	- .4
	Exports	Meat Lbs.	32,288,259	31,679,153	- 1.9	14,958,637	18,121,463	21.1
		Value $.	8,025,529	6,992,179	-12.9	3,705,254	4,055,583	9.5

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING F E B R U A R Y 29, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

			1955 (Jan. - Feb.)	1956 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (February)	1956 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal (1)	Production	Tons	852,123	1,075,334	26.2	373,048	448,222	20.2
		Value $.	4,476,591	5,655,279	26.3	1,930,517	2,433,676	26.1
	Production	Tons	6,108	7,943	30.0	2,920	3,823	30.9
Petroleum Products Refined-Gross Sales		$.	17,000,744	21,870,708	28.6	8,164,187	10,584,068	29.6
Propane	Production	Gallons.	4,837,633	5,679,522	17.4	2,212,204	2,746,993	24.2
	Sales	Gallons.	4,704,068	5,620,168	19.5	2,053,890	2,716,480	32.3
Butane	Production	Gallons.	2,509,707	3,304,659	31.7	1,137,755	1,617,037	42.1
	Sales	Gallons.	2,239,484	2,759,641	23.2	1,024,362	1,321,743	29.0
Sulphur	Production	Tons	5,532	6,462	16.8	2,779	3,140	13.0
	Sales	Tons	2,392	1,694	- 29.2	1,276	520	- 59.2
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	455,806	349,086	- 23.4	213,084	135,448	- 36.4
Cement & Cement Products -	Gross Sales	$.	1,188,455	1,104,023	- 7.1	531,058	542,433	2.1
Cement	Production	Barrels.	305,810	298,075	- 2.5	192,700	149,385	- 22.5
		Value $.	757,278	721,349	- 4.7	477,896	363,006	- 24.0
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	90,836	103,283	13.7	47,518	52,557	10.6
	Production	Tons	3,593	4,471	24.4	1,846	2,347	27.1
		Value $.	46,717	54,997	17.7	24,225	28,892	19.3

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING J A N U A R Y 31, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1955, WITH TWELVE MONTHS FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

			1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (January)	1956 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Petroleum	(1)	Production-Barrels	87,637,089	113,035,046	29.0	8,966,151	11,737,547	30.9
		Value of Sales $.	227,877,548	274,245,952	20.3	22,005,918	28,884,804	31.3
Natural Gas	(1)	Production- M.C.F.	135,545,629	168,808,_	24.5	15,610,118	20,153,302	29.1
Petroleum - Crude (Revised Series)	(2)	Imports Barrels	1,738,925	1,921,831	10.5	175,347	172,379	- 1.7
		Exports Barrels	70,031,021	90,188,907	28.8	6,745,849	10,133,924	50.2
Petroleum Products Refined	(2)	Production-Barrels	19,770,744	22,075,320	11.7	1,871,142	2,109,458#	12.7
		Imports Barrels	345,757	302,204	- 12.6	19,020	27,999	47.2
		Exports Barrels	4,391,015	4,794,090	9.2	318,082	449,886	41.4
Natural Gasoline & Naphtha	(1)	Production-Barrels	682,378	868,416	27.3	76,190	82,733	8.6
		Value of Sales $.	1,979,471*	2,463,133	24.4	210,973	242,307	14.9

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, January, 1956, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.
(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

* Value of naphtha for 1954, not included.

\# Composed of 1,070,249 bbls. gasoline; 410,643 bbls. diesel fuel; 31,606 bbls. kerosene: 596,960 bbls. other fuel.

GENERAL STATISTICS - ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955.

		1955 (Jan. - Feb.)	1956 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (February)	1956 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Forestry (Crown Lands) - Production Lumber	ft.b.m.	191,400,000	192,300,000	.5	94,970,000	96,000,000	1.1
	Value $.	7,656,000	7,692,000	.5	3,799,000	3,840,000	1.1
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products	$.	9,536,000	9,572,000	.4	4,799,000	4,840,000	.9
Fur (Wild Life) - Trapped	No.of Pelts	594,657	438,072	-26.3	210,197	250,350	19.1
	Value $.	472,413	361,990	-23.4	176,937	201,030	13.6
Life Insurance Sales -	$.	27,317,000	34,608,000	26.7	15,133,000	18,345,000	21.2
		1955 (Jan. - Mar.)	1956 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (March)	1956 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Bank Clearings	$.	1,196,601,481	1,491,905,935	24.7	432,987,699	496,061,654	14.6

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1955, WITH TWELVE MONTHS FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

		1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (January)	1956 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Fisheries Production	Lbs.	8,820,210	8,731,264	- 1.0			
	Value $.	1,149,503	1,143,499	- .6			
Bank Debits (1)	Value $.	9,082,402,000	9,969,111,000	9.8	691,252,000	873,366,000	26.3
New Motor Vehicles - Gross Sales (2)	No.	30,957	36,543	18.0	1,780	1,658	- 6.9
	Value $.	80,162,000	99,173,000	23.7	4,756,000	4,875,000	2.5
Customs' Duty Receipts	$.	14,441,294	15,841,631	9.7	963,490	1,434,555	48.9
Electric Power - Consumption (3)	K.W.Hrs.	1,500,875,000	1,738,868,000	15.9	149,722,000	189,993,000	26.9

(1) Source: Cheques cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 33, No. 1, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: New Motor Vehicles Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. XXVIII, No. 1, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 24, No. 1, 1956, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

		1955 (Jan. - Feb.)	1956 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (February)	1956 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BUILDING PERMITS:				%			%
CALGARY	Number	336	318	- 5.4	175	168	- 4.0
	Value $.	3,622,787	8,972,356	147.7	1,587,952	5,331,076	235.7
EDMONTON	Number	375	464	23.7	185	255	37.8
	Value $.	4,000,685	1,842,783	- 53.9	433,687	1,284,265	196.1
LETHBRIDGE	Number	52	43	- 17.3	29	24	- 17.2
	Value $.	750,950	278,925	- 62.9	628,900	165,550	- 73.7
MEDICINE HAT	Number	14	29	107.1	5	18	260.0
	Value $.	41,150	139,290	238.5	16,050	89,090	455.1
RED DEER	Number	13	10	- 23.1	7	6	- 14.3
	Value $.	48,000	60,800	26.7	41,200	53,400	29.6
DRUMHELLER	Number	-	3	-	-	2	-
	Value $.	-	4,000	-	-	2,000	-
WETASKIWIN	Number	1	2	100.0	-	1	-
	Value $.	500	300	- 40.0	-	150	-
CAMROSE	Number	7	3	- 57.1	7	1	- 85.7
	Value $.	293,420	17,250	- 94.1	293,420	1,000	- 99.7
TOTAL (8 CITIES) - - - - - - - -	NUMBER	798	872	9.3	408	475	16.4
	VALUE $.	8,757,492	11,315,704	29.2	3,001,209	6,926,531	130.8
TOTAL (169 Towns & Villages) -	VALUE $.	820,735*	6,428,625	683.3	275,732	5,767,750	1991.8

		1955 (Jan. - Feb.)	1956 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (February)	1956 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA:(1)				%			%
RESIDENTIAL	Number	233	534	129.2	99	416	320.2
	Value $.	2,646,300	5,051,600	90.9	1,292,900	3,898,300	201.5
BUSINESS	Number	44	75	70.5	18	46	155.6
	Value $.	4,139,400	8,506,300	105.5	2,726,100	5,909,700	116.8
INDUSTRIAL	Number	3	6	100.0	2	4	100.0
	Value $.	16,500	620,000	3657.6	7,000	116,500	1564.3
ENGINEERING	Number	30	33	10.0	14	12	- 14.3
	Value $.	3,745,200	2,966,000	- 20.8	1,533,500	1,583,300	3.2
TOTAL - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	NUMBER	310	648	109.0	133	478	259.4
	VALUE $.	10,547,400	17,143,900	62.5	5,559,500	11,507,800	107.0

* Revised

(1) Source: Building Reporter, March, 1956, Published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.

BUILDING - PERMITS

1955 AS COMPARED WITH 1954 - 154 MUNICIPALITIES - ALBERTA

1954 No.	1954 Amount $		1955 No.	1955 Amount $
13,818	132,770,621	CITIES (8)	14,081	152,538,606
4,093	46,729,742	Calgary	4,845	58,896,348
7,699	68,329,716	Edmonton	7,437	58,718,696
821	9,028,681	Lethbridge	775	6,339,571
467	2,418,349	Medicine Hat	429	22,266,810
379	3,780,350	Red Deer	352	4,166,763
63	311,773	Drumheller	54	238,448
133	621,030	Wetaskiwin	61	369,725
163	1,550,980	Camrose	128	1,542,245
3,076	15,059,135	TOTAL TOWNS & VILLAGES	3,731	23,898,981
29	541,300	Athabasca	29	97,050
24	157,500	Barrhead	41	169,650
8	25,100	Bashaw	1	4,500
9	20,400	Bassano	20	164,205
8	34,200	Beaverlodge	16	64,764
181	702,440	Beverly	241	1,318,790
28	111,630	Black Diamond	22	13,250
13	11,650	Blairmore	6	2,950
54	604,500	Bonnyville	36	119,500
38	160,000	Bow Island	31	134,800
48	131,350	Brooks	41	169,883
24	71,100	Cardston	22	130,530
6	28,500	Carstairs	2	12,500
21	153,000	Castor	9	33,300
34	250,100	Claresholm	41	295,800
3	7,300	Coleman	5	2,900
2	11,000	Coronation	2	7,500
3	13,000	Crossfield	2	8,800
26	87,680	Daysland	12	19,865
12	41,050	Devon	12	50,450
11	11,970	Didsbury	12	46,550
82	604,160	Edson	93	970,811
9	27,700	Elk Point	12	28,650
34	105,050	Fairview	37	230,150
9	49,716	Falher	9	13,900
106	317,521	Forest Lawn	142	453,050
11	72,365	Fort Macleod	18	88,600
90	896,137	Ft.Saskatchewan	137	1,603,036
1	800	Gleichen	4	13,500
214	522,152	Grande Prairie	280	1,745,097
28	153,240	Hanna	29	210,750
13	21,200	Hardisty	5	13,600
46	364,420	High Prairie	49	230,070
20	86,308	High River	22	183,762
11	24,250	Holden	10	25,900
27	100,025	Innisfail	35	157,835
420	1,024,204	Jasper Place	467	2,362,350
2	18,000	Killam	3	25,500
22	461,650	Lac La Biche	23	378,000
88	691,950	Lacombe	60	260,495
6	57,255	Lamont	5	22,500
23	87,380	Leduc	26	90,455
141	807,181	Lloydminster	139	373,404
36	37,770	McLennan	30	19,345
9	93,750	Magrath	7	22,000
32	55,590	Mannville	11	51,182
12	94,750	Milk River	9	98,000
6	11,500	Mirror	5	7,300
16	32,900	Morinville	7	10,350
10	16,800	Mundare	6	9,650
18	20,250	Okotoks	13	54,449
32	99,325	Olds	26	109,050
18	69,300	Oyen	15	202,000
28	92,200	Peace River	30	437,675
8	24,600	Pincher Creek	5	92,500
116	469,300	Ponoka	106	451,162
24	178,950	Provost	17	80,950
11	61,300	Raymond	21	99,400
44	210,275	Redcliff	31	126,100
11	24,400	Redwater	15	18,350
22	40,325	Rimbey	24	99,400
32	177,450	Rocky Mt. Hse	31	172,960
46	99,725	St. Albert	45	426,273
34	125,400	St. Paul	29	117,085
10	33,100	Sedgewick	8	21,700
10	32,050	Smoky Lake	8	20,300
8	18,150	Spirit River	5	208,000
6	8,600	Stavely	4	11,850
126	683,090	Stettler	93	406,546
26	277,550	Stony Plain	29	118,630
-	-	Strathmore	15	122,000
38	50,450	Sylvan Lake	13	56,200
45	945,236	Taber	47	295,420
36	102,900	Three Hills	26	193,950
14	137,500	Tofield	9	67,000
4	21,000	Trochu	8	32,350
64	581,090	Vegreville	39	218,270
38	95,065	Vermilion	31	166,890
29	83,260	Viking	30	79,250
24	74,650	Vulcan	15	38,500
36	120,150	Wainwright	31	96,540
12	92,000	Westlock	13	103,000

BUILDING - PERMITS

JULY-DECEMBER, 1955 - 154 MUNICIPALITIES - ALBERTA

1955 No.	1955 Amount $	
2	1,800	Acme
9	40,300	Airdrie
4	2,400	Alberta Beach S.V.
1	600	Alix
5	13,550	Andrew
4	82,500	Beiseker
6	25,300	Blackfalds
7	2,350	Bowden
152	1,021,159	Bowness
3	8,200	Bruderheim
8	2,975	Caroline
4	4,900	Champion
1	1,500	Chauvin
1	450	Chipman
19	45,600	Coaldale
4	134,043	Cochrane
21	10,470	Cold Lake
7	4,850	Delburne
2	8,900	Derwent
3	127,500	Duchess
14	35,850	Eckville
1	300	Edgerton
2	11,000	Elnora
2	69,000	Evansburg
10	80,000	Foothills M.D.
8	46,500	Forestburg
3	17,500	Girouxville
2	8,500	Grimshaw
6	2,850	Gull Lake S.V.

1955 No.	1955 Amount $	
2	500	Hythe
5	123,500	Innisfree
5	11,000	Irma
3	1,200	Kinuso
6	4,200	Kitscoty
14	135,200	Leduc M.D.
5	13,450	Ma-Me-O Beach S.V.
8	8,400	Marwayne
7	19,800	Mayerthorpe
1	300	Millet
2	10,200	Morrin
2	22,000	Mountain View M.D.
2	1,600	Myrnam
1	10,500	Nobelford
3	24,200	Onoway
1	4,000	Ponoka County
2	650	Radway
2	350	Rosemary
2	3,800	Rycroft
3	2,600	Sangudo
3	3,250	Seba Beach S.V.
1	10,000	Standard
2	17,000	Stirling
30	1,685,655	Stony Plain M.D.
125	1,794,090	Strathcona M.D.
17	128,100	Sturgeon R. M.D.
3	9,000	Thorhild
2	14,000	Thorsby
10	227,160	Two Hills

1955 No.	1955 Amount $	
16	421,400	Vermilion R. M.D.
4	21,800	Vilna
5	16,400	Warburg
3	14,500	Waskatenau
5	12,350	Wembley
3	5,450	Wildwood

SUMMARY

1954 No.	1954 Amount $		1955 No.	1955 Amount $
13,818	132,770,621	Cities	14,081	152,538,606
3,076	15,059,135	Total Towns & Villages	3,731	23,898.981
16,894	147,829,756	GRAND TOTAL	17,812	176,437,587

V I S I T O R S T O N A T I O N A L P A R K S & R E S E R V E S - A L B E R T A

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING M A R C H 31, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

	1955 (Jan. - Mar.)	1956 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (March)	1956 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Banff	69,671	64,117	- 8.0	22,304	24,980	12.0
Elk Island	2,100	2,400	14.3	900	900	-
Jasper	665	1,286	93.4	246	689	180.1
T O T A L	72,436	67,803	- 6.4	23,450	26,569	13.3

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A U T O M O B I L E S E N T E R I N G C U S T O M S ' S T A T I O N S F O R T O U R I N G P U R P O S E S - A L B E R T A

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING F E B R U A R Y 29, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

	1955 (Jan. - Feb.)	1956 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (February)	1956 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Aden	37	37	-	18	16	- 11.1
Carway	295	467	58.3	100	206	106.0
Chief Mountain	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coutts	2,833	4,393	55.1	1,335	2,219	66.2
Del Bonita	194	170	- 12.4	79	86	8.9
Wild Horse	36	48	33.3	19	19	-
T O T A L	3,395	5,115	50.7	1,551	2,546	64.2

(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

WHOLESALE TRADE - TRENDS - ALBERTA

FEBRUARY AND TWO MONTH PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1955

	1955 (Jan. - Feb.)	1956 (Jan. - Feb.)	2 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (February)	1956 (February)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES:	$	$	%	$	$	%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	12,100,922	12,492,537	3.2	5,792,875	6,720,844	16.0
Boots and Shoes	536,851	575,805	7.3	258,558	311,778	20.6
Drugs	1,390,097	1,361,776	- 2.0	684,509	693,249	1.3
Dry Goods	1,419,461	1,381,509	- 2.7	734,094	730,572	- .5
Electrical Appliances and Radios	5,959,549	6,523,595	9.5	3,135,262	3,171,613	1.2
Florists	85,698	93,652	9.3	46,228	51,464	11.3
Furniture	497,415	502,019	.9	252,059	254,645	1.0
Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables)	22,419,587	24,229,930	8.1	11,024,955	12,251,549	11.1
Hardware	7,662,881	8,301,330	8.3	3,552,565	4,282,846	20.6
Jewellery and Silverware	67,961	67,950	-	36,851	35,375	- 4.0
Lumber and Building Supplies	6,009,885	6,967,827	15.9	3,056,977	3,605,056	17.9
Machinery, Agricultural	2,180,922	2,408,237	10.4	1,400,419	1,685,873	20.4
Machinery, Other	2,064,862	2,549,091	23.5	877,408	1,358,343	54.8
Paints and Varnishes	1,116,011	1,345,708	20.6	571,545	690,905	20.9
Paper	1,320,524	1,397,515	5.8	578,956	663,858	14.7
Tobacco	2,923,417	3,111,071	6.4	1,457,415	1,566,449	7.5
Oilfield Supplies	2,197,239	4,650,443	111.6	997,321	2,195,453	120.1
Carbonated Beverages	1,457,994	1,379,099	- 5.4	753,043	726,595	- 3.5
Miscellaneous	6,986,955	7,792,111	11.5	3,082,053	4,046,425	31.3
TOTAL	78,398,231	87,131,205	11.1	38,293,093	45,042,892	17.6
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	17,467,378	18,748,052	7.3	8,264,096	9,445,226	14.3
Edmonton	17,839,137	20,326,257	13.9	8,723,163	10,318,756	18.3
Lethbridge	1,795,210	1,827,859	1.8	801,060	919,232	14.8
Medicine Hat	218,342	242,981	11.3	103,539	116,930	12.9
Smaller Centres	1,036,024	1,329,437	28.3	441,255	694,313	57.3
Major Cities - Not distributable by location	40,042,140	44,656,619	11.5	19,959,980	23,548,435	18.0
TOTAL	78,398,231	87,131,205	11.1	38,293,093	45,042,892	17.6

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1955, WITH TWELVE MONTHS FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (January)	1956 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE	963,630,000(a)	1,019,132,000(a)	5.8	66,297,000	66,917,000	.9
Grocery and Combination Stores	139,756,000	143,259,000	2.5	10,454,000	10,750,000	2.8
Other Food and Beverage Stores	59,541,000	58,946,000	- 1.0	3,995,000	3,834,000	- 4.0
General Stores	56,151,000	55,478,000	- 1.2	3,716,000	3,757,000	1.1
Department Stores	103,046,000	113,867,000	10.5	7,504,000	8,082,000	7.7
Variety Stores	12,564,000	13,908,000	10.7	714,000	776,000	8.7
Motor Vehicle Dealers	182,023,000	209,869,000	15.3	12,102,000	12,452,000	2.9
Garage and Filling Stations	62,823,000	63,737,000	1.5	4,647,000	4,457,000	- 4.1
Men's Clothing Stores	15,708,000	16,267,000	3.6	1,234,000	1,208,000	- 2.1
Family Clothing Stores	11,676,000	12,059,000	3.3	748,000	661,000	- 11.6
Women's Clothing Stores	20,737,000	20,718,000	- .1	1,371,000	1,213,000	- 11.5
Shoe Stores	5,144,000	5,353,000	4.1	375,000	343,000	- 8.5
Hardware Stores	26,570,000	27,242,000	2.5	1,471,000	1,361,000	- 7.5
Lumber and Building Material Dealers	53,152,000	53,267,000	.2	2,566,000	2,609,000	1.7
Furniture, Appliances, Radio Stores	32,441,000	39,603,000	22.1	3,664,000	3,945,000	7.7
Restaurants	36,319,000	33,446,000	- 7.9	2,225,000	2,009,000	- 9.7
Fuel Dealers	523,000	527,000	.8	97,000	129,000	33.0
Drug Stores	21,282,000	21,355,000	.3	1,782,000	1,731,000	- 2.9
Jewellery Stores	5,873,000	6,037,000	2.8	370,000	364,000	- 1.6
Miscellaneous	118,279,000	124,192,000	5.0	7,262,000	7,236,000	- .4

(a) Any slight differences between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures.

SOURCE: Retail Trade, Vol. XXVIII, No. 1, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

L A B O U R R E V I E W

Alberta Summary for Period Ending 31 January, 1956

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 56, No. 2, February, 1956)

Economic activity in the Prairie region showed continuing strength during January, despite the effect of severe winter weather. The seasonal employment decline was the smallest recorded for January in the last four years. Layoffs during the month were almost entirely seasonal and chiefly confined to construction and related industries. An upturn in coal-mining employment partially offset these declines; certified coal miners were in strong demand in several areas but no acute shortages were reported.

CALGARY (metropolitan). Remained in moderate surplus group. Unemployment continued to rise as a result of further seasonal slackening in the construction industry. The volume of construction being carried out was almost about equal to the winter record of last year but unusually severe weather resulted in the release of a considerable number of workers during early January. In the last two weeks of the month, intermittent employment was considerable as temperatures moderated. Recall of workers caused a reduction in total registrations for employment during the last week of January, in contrast to the usual seasonal pattern. The total employment in the area remained at a notably higher level than a year earlier, the sharpest year-to-year gains being recorded in the wholesale and retail trade.

EDMONTON (metropolitan). Remained in moderate surplus group. Construction and transportation accounted for almost all of the increase in unemployment during January. Total unemployment remained at a notably lower level than a year earlier, reflecting the buoyancy of industrial activity in this area. Job opportunities were more numerous than a year before in almost all occupations; the most notable improvements were recorded in the professional, sales, clerical and metal-working occupations.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, and any other bonuses made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situation at the 31st of January, 1956, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At J A N U A R Y 1, 1956, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1955

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Jan. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1956	Jan. 1 1955 $	Jan. 1 1956 $	Jan. 1 1956
Mining	117.2	124.7	77.33	83.71	19,406
Coal	54.6	48.3	57.68	71.52	3,896
Oil	200.6	227.8	83.56	86.77	14,212
Manufacturing	127.2	138.3	60.83	61.73	27,785
Foods and Beverages	117.2	119.3	59.26	59.75	8,772
Meat Products	124.0	128.3	65.69	66.02	4,077
Wood Products	107.1	111.2	45.66	46.02	2,962
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	103.9	116.1	59.90	60.41	1,295
Iron and Steel Products	143.2	151.3	63.03	65.64	2,696
Transportation Equipment	131.6	149.6	61.99	62.98	4,424
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	126.1	138.4	59.33	57.48	2,177
Products of Petroleum and Coal	137.0	163.7	83.14	86.98	1,521
Construction	166.6	150.6	57.01	62.40	16,878
Buildings and Structures (k)	184.7	178.1	57.66	63.19	11,094
Highways, Bridges and Streets	144.0	116.3	55.95	60.87	5,784
Transportation, Storage, Communication	107.1	112.0	62.74	66.58	23,329
Steam Railways	93.1	93.6	65.36	68.78	12,520
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	133.9	145.4	66.40	72.14	3,748
Storage	111.7	113.5	52.41	54.98	2,651
Trade	136.0	146.7	51.26	54.47	29,354
Wholesale	127.8	137.1	57.07	59.91	9,414
Retail	140.3	151.8	48.50	51.89	19,940
Service	120.4	132.0	39.89	41.38	7,857
Hotels and Restaurants	113.7	122.8	39.02	40.87	5,038
Industrial Composite	128.5	133.4	59.09	62.71	134,788

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.
(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.
(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, January, 1956
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (Continued)

Employment, and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, by Industries
At J A N U A R Y 1, 1956, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1955

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Jan. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1956	Jan. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1956	Jan. 1 1956
			$	$	
CALGARY:					
Manufacturing	118.2	127.9	62.86	64.09	9,474
Foods and Beverages	114.5	116.6	63.42	63.53	2,925
Transportation Equipment	123.0	138.1	61.58	63.91	2,526
Construction	184.6	168.8	58.78	57.48	3,349
Wholesale Trade	121.9	126.9	57.89	61.21	3,951
Retail Trade	141.1	150.1	50.12	55.21	7,556
Industrial Composite	135.5	142.6	57.48	59.97	34,887
EDMONTON:					
Manufacturing	145.3	155.2	61.80	62.35	11,526
Foods and Beverages	126.6	128.0	61.04	62.26	3,880
Meat Products	129.9	132.4	63.46	64.77	2,711
Construction	170.4	165.6	57.17	58.48	6,596
Wholesale Trade	144.2	159.4	56.12	58.90	4,064
Retail Trade	142.8	155.7	48.01	50.92	9,050
Industrial Composite	149.0	157.7	55.13	57.19	40,243

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, January, 1956
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At J A N U A R Y 1, 1956, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1955

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Jan. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1956	Jan. 1 1955 ¢	Jan. 1 1956 ¢	Jan. 1 1955 $	Jan. 1 1956 $	Jan. 1 1956
Coal Mining	30.7	38.6	181.5	185.2	55.72	71.49	3,126
Oil and Natural Gas Production	43.6	44.8	178.9	182.5	78.00	81.76	4,583
Manufacturing	39.0	38.4	148.9	153.7	58.07	59.02	19,459
Foods and Beverages	37.8	36.1	146.6	149.8	55.41	54.08	6,085
Meat Products	38.5	36.4	160.2	163.0	61.68	59.33	2,968
Transportation Equipment	39.8	39.5	152.3	156.1	60.62	61.66	3,545
Buildings and Structures (h)	33.1	32.1	165.1	180.7	54.65	58.00	8,346
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	40.5	42.6	153.3	157.1	62.09	66.92	2,054
Services (j)	39.9	39.5	92.2	95.3	36.79	37.64	4,223

Source: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, January, 1956
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; laundries; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

As of JANUARY 1, 1956, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1955

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Jan. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1956	Jan. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1956	Jan. 1 1955	Jan. 1 1956	Jan. 1 1956
			¢	¢	$	$	
Coal Mining	30.7	38.6	181.5	185.2	55.72	71.49	3,156
Oil and Natural Gas Production	43.6	44.8	178.9	186.5	78.00	83.76	4,535
Manufacturing	39.0	38.4	146.9	153.7	57.07	59.02	49,489
Foods and Beverages	37.8	38.1	146.6	149.8	55.41	56.98	6,065
Meat Products	38.5	38.4	160.2	165.0	61.68	63.33	2,958
Transportation Equipment	39.8	39.5	152.7	156.1	60.69	61.65	3,545
Building and Structures (b)	33.1	32.1	169.1	180.7	54.69	58.00	8,346
Electric and Motor Transportation (z)	40.5	42.6	151.3	157.1	61.09	66.92	2,054
Services (j)	39.9	39.5	90.6	96.3	36.19	37.84	4,223

Source: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, January, 1956
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Trade Distrib. Section Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(b) Buildings and structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(z) Interurban, bus and urban and suburban transportation systems; haul-van and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; laundries; dyeing; cleaning and pressing; business and personal services.